

**U.S. Mission to Tunisia**

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT# 29/15**

**September 18, 2015**

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**SUBJECT:** Economic Specialist – Political Economic

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**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates.

**POSITION:** Economic Specialist, FSN-10/FP-5(steps 1 through 14)

**OPENING DATE:** Friday, September 18, 2015

**CLOSING DATE:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015

**WORK WEEK:** 40 hours/week

**SALARY:** Ordinarily Resident: 39,660 TD gross annual salary (Position is graded at the full performance level of Grade: FSN-10)  
\*Not-Ordinarily Resident: 49,311US\$ p.a. (Starting Salary)  
(Position Grade: FP-5is confirmed by Washington)

**NOTE:** ALL APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT FAMILY MEMBERS OF USG EMPLOYEES OFFICIALLY ASSIGNED TO POST AND UNDER CHIEF OF MISSION AUTHORITY MUST BE RESIDING IN COUNTRY AND HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Tunis is seeking an individual to fill the position of Economic specialist in the Political Economic Section.

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:**

The incumbent performs economic and commercial research, reporting and related services of a broad scope and complexity. He/She provides analytical studies with topical evaluation and assessment of long-term trends. Research and reporting covers a wide range of subjects, including government finance, foreign investment and trade, the balance of payments, trade and tariff regulations, and studies on various industrial sectors. The selected candidate prepares major segments of the

section's required economic reporting program, including data for the Country Commercial Guide.

**A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact 71-107-320 or 71-107-136.**

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education:** A Bachelor degree in in economics, Finance or business administration is required.

**Experience:** Three years of experience with jobs in Tunisian Government and/or private sector with connections with Economic fields is required.

**Language:** Level IV (Fluent) in English, Arabic and French are required.

**Skills and Abilities:** Ability to undertake analysis of economic material and produce clear and concise reporting on subject matter. Cultivation of an extensive network of contacts to provide unpublished information.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

When equally qualified, Appointment Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate address the required qualifications above in the application.

**ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:**

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.

5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

### **TO APPLY**

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Application for US Federal Employment (DS-174); or a current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information as a DS-174; plus
2. Candidates who claim US veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
3. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

**Do not attach a photo to the application; if applications are received with photos, the photos will be discarded. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

### **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

E-mail: [TunisApplicants@state.gov](mailto:TunisApplicants@state.gov)

Fax: 71-107-080

Regular mail:

Human Resources Office  
American Embassy Tunis  
Les Berges du Lac  
1053 Tunis, Tunisia

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**1. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:**

- U.S. citizen; and,
- EFM ([see below](#)) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire foreign, civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:

1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

**2. Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

**3. Member of Household (MOH):** An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a US Citizen.

**4. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR):** An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a US Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

**5. Ordinarily Resident (OR):** A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,

- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFM's without US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the LCP.

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: Tuesday, October 06, 2015**

The US Mission in Tunisia provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

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